

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A folder type mobile terminal, comprising:

an upper cover;

a lower cover attached to the upper cover and configured to receive a display module therein; and

a display protecting member configured to be fitted at an inner surface of the lower cover and to cover an outer surface of the display module so as to protect the display module from an external force.

2. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, wherein the display protecting member is configured to surround a circumferential surface of the display module.

3. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 2, wherein the display protecting member comprises a lower portion and a supporting rib formed extended upwardly a predetermined height and width ~~form~~ from the lower portion so as to cover the circumferential surface of the display module.

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4. (Original) The terminal of claim 3, wherein a height of the supporting rib is greater than a height of the display module.

5. (Original) The terminal of claim 3, wherein an upper surface of the supporting rib maintains a constant interval with a lower surface of the upper cover.

6. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, wherein the display module is mounted in an open portion formed on a lower portion of the display protecting member.

7. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, wherein the display protecting member is formed of a metal material.

8. (Original) The terminal of claim 7, wherein the display protecting member is formed of stainless steel.

9. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, wherein the display module comprises at least a sub display and a main display, and wherein at least one of the displays comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD).

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10. (Original) A folder type mobile terminal, comprising:

a folder portion, comprising a first cover and a second cover, wherein the first cover and the second cover are configured to be attached so as to form a space therebetween; and

a display protecting member configured to be installed in the space formed between the first cover and the second cover and to surround a display module installed therein so as to prevent contact between the display module and the folder.

11. (Original) The terminal of claim 10, wherein the display protecting member comprises a lower portion and a supporting rib formed extended upwardly from the lower portion, wherein the supporting rib is configured to cover a circumferential surface of the display module.

12. (Original) The terminal of claim 11, wherein an upper end of the supporting rib extends beyond an upper surface of the display module.

13. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 12, wherein a first gap is formed between an upper surface of the supporting rib and a lower surface of the first cover when the first cover and the second cover are attached.

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14. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 13, wherein a second gap is maintained between an upper surface of the display module and a lower surface of the first cover when the first cover and the second cover are attached so that, when an external force is applied to the first cover, causing the first gap to be reduced (or causing the upper surface of the supporting rib to contact a lower surface of the first cover?) deformation of the first cover is substantially prevented, thereby preventing damage to the display module.

15. (Original) The terminal of claim 10, wherein the display module is installed in an open portion formed on a lower portion of the display protecting member.

16. (Original) The terminal of claim 10, wherein the display protecting member is formed of a metal material.

17. (Original) The terminal of claim 10, wherein the display module comprises at least a sub display and a main display, and wherein at least one of the displays comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD).

18. (Currently Amended) A display protecting mechanism for a mobile terminal, comprising:

a lower portion;

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an open portion formed in the lower portion and configured to receive a display module; and

a supporting rib formed extended upwardly from the lower portion a predetermined height and width, and configured to cover a circumferential surface of the display module[[;]], wherein the display protecting mechanism is configured to be installed in a lower cover of the mobile terminal such that a first gap is formed between an upper surface of the supporting rib and a lower surface of a~~an~~ upper cover of the mobile terminal when the upper and lower covers of the mobile terminal are attached[[;]], and

a second gap is formed between an upper surface of the display module and the lower surface of the upper cover of the mobile terminal when the upper and lower covers of the mobile terminal are attached.

19. (Currently Amended) The display protecting mechanism of claim 18, wherein the display protecting mechanism is further configured such that when it is installed in the mobile terminal an upper portion of the supporting rib extends beyond ~~an~~ the upper surface of a~~the~~ display module installed in the open portion.

20. (Currently Amended) The display protecting mechanism of claim 19, wherein the display protecting mechanism is further configured such that when it is installed in the mobile terminal the second gap is greater than zero when the first gap is reduced to substantially zero due to application of an external force to the upper cover of the mobile terminal.

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21. (Currently Amended) The display protecting mechanism of claim 19, wherein the display protecting mechanism is further configured such that when it is installed in the mobile terminal the second gap remains greater than the first gap when an external force is applied to the cover of the mobile terminal.

22. (Original) The display protecting mechanism of claim 18, wherein the lower portion and supporting rib are formed of stainless steel.

23. (Original) A mobile terminal comprising the display protecting mechanism of claim 18.